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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 18-21 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2-10, 12-17, and 23-44 are pending in the application. In the Office Action of November 6, 2001, claims 1, 2-10, 12-17, and 23-44 were allowed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above identified application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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